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SPRINGFIELD'S WELCOME.

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge session in regular form, an informal meeting was called to order by Bro. J. Otis Humphrey, P. G. M., who officiated as Chairman, and introduced

Francis G. Blair, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, representing Governor Charles S. Deneen, who welcomed the Grand Lodge to the city of Springfield.

The Apollo Quartette of Springfield rendered a vocal selection, and responded to two enthusiastic encores.

Hon. John S. Schnepp, Mayor of Springfield, was then introduced, and made a short Address of Welcome.

Grand Master Wm. M. Groves, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, responded in a fitting manner to the welcome extended.

The Orphans' Home Band then played several selections.

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Tuesday, November 16, 1909

REPRESENTATIVES' HALL, STATE HOUSE,
November 16, 1909, 7 o'clock, P. M.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS was called to order by Grand Grand Master Wm. M. Groves.

Upon call of the roll, Grand Officers were found present as follows:

WM. M. GROVES.....Grand Master.
E. R. SAYLER.....Deputy Grand Master.
JAMES EWING DAVIS.....Grand Warden.
JOHN H. SIKES.....Grand Secretary.
THOS. B. NEEDLES.....Grand Treasurer.
FRED B. MERRILLS, P.G.M.....Grand Representative.
OWEN SCOTT, P.G.M.....Grand Representative.
REV. S. P. ARCHER.....Grand Chaplain.
W. A. HUBBARD.....Grand Marshal.
J. M. BARCUS.....Grand Conductor.
ARNET C. LINES.....Grand Herald.

The Grand Secretary announced a quorum of Representatives in attendance.

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The Grand Master announced appointments as follows:

Grand Guardian pro tem.—C. B. Vandercook, of No. 866.

Assistants to the Grand Guardian—Fred D. Silloway, No. 465; John C. Gruber, No. 534; Henry Engelskirchen, No. 465; W. A. Duggans, No. 6; C. P. Yates, No. 346.

Assistants to the Grand Marshal—S. L. Dunbar, No. 98; O. H. Richards, No. 53; J. A. Giberson, No. 1; E. E. Sayler, No. 787; Walter A. Coburn, No. 129; U. S. G. Dunbar, No 602; A E. Eden, No. 158; C. S. Norvell, No. 476; Geo. Schuchmann, No. 388; W J. Porter, No. 403; E. E. Baltzer, No. 566; J. E. Johnson, No. 206

Janitor and Messenger—Chas R. Coon, No. 6.

Assistant Janitor and Messenger—Mathias Blumle, No. 196.

The Grand Marshal, with his assistants, having examined the members present, reported all correct.

The Opening Ode was sung, and the Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Master, by order of the Grand Master, then proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Bro. J. P. Ellacott, of No. 416, the Grand Lodge Journal of the last session was approved as printed.

On motion of Bro. J. A. Lopp, of No. 35, it was oredred that the per diem for this session be computed at three days.

The Committee on Credentials presented their first, second and third reports, which were severally considered and adoptd.

Note—The brothers named in these reports had been passed upon and received the Grand Lodge Degree at a special session held Tuesday afternoon.

DOCUMENT NO. 1.

First report, by Bro. W. H. Bean, of No. 825.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. .O .O F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows:

That they have examined the credentials of Representatives of the several Lodges and find the following correct.

They therefore recommend that the following named Representatives be admitted to seats in this body:

For the full term—

1 Samuel B. Pile.
3 Jos. G. Wright.
5 Jno. Edwards.
7 Frank Kessel.
9 Jno. R. Doyle.
11 Morris Solomon.
13 Jas. M. Fletcher.
15 Thos. Back.
19 A. C. Pickering.
21 Jno. J. Crowder.
23 Walter J. Eaton.
25 W. A. Canedy.
27 J. W. Jackson.
29 W. A. Leighton.
31 F. J. Tyler.
33 R. E. Dawe.
35 Jno. A. Lopp.
37 A. H. Cohlmeyer.
39 C. A. Robbins.
41 Jas. J. Murphy.
43 Jno. Cox.
45 E. W. Thompson.
47 Chas. H. Eastman.
49 Daniel Hamilton.
51 P. E. Hofflund.
53 O. H. Richards.
55 Chas. E. Boyer.
57 Fred H. Middendorf.
59 W. R. Helton.
61 W. H. Bookman.
63 Francis C. Quinn.
65 Jas. A. Shoemaker.
67 Jas. A. Cox.
69 C. S. Johnson.
71 A. F. Bliesener.
73 Jas. J. Butler.
75 Chas. A. Flynn.
77 Jno. R. Gee.
79 Lewis S. Edie.
81 Thos. Betts.
83 L. L. Grabe.
85 D. B. Coleman.
87 F. O. Johnson.
89 Geo. H. Harris.
91 Jno. E. Meloy.
93 W. O. Newberry.
95 Jno. R. Coulter.
97 Harry Adams.
99 Geo. M. Storms.
101 Peter Jones.
103 G. W. Hinderliter.
105 Albert Ingmanson.
107 M. T. Crowder.
109 O. N. Asp.
111 S. O. Linch.
113 Jno. D. Worcester.
115 Wm. E. Ridgley.
117 Geo. E. Miller.
119 M. B. Lehman.
121 N. Z. Reinbach.
123 Samuel Salveson.
125 W. B. Brown.
127 Tom B. Smith.
129 Walter A. Coburn.

131 Elmer Wilson.
133 John Q. Hawk.
135 J. E. Rodgers.
137 P. O. Hedrick.
139 George T. Spalding.
141 William F. Douglas.
143 S. A. Murdock.
145 Geo. T. Adcock.
147 E. A. Kenney.
149 Chas. A. Pierce.
151 W. W. Yeck.
153 A. C. Stratton.
155 Frank Cornell.
157 Geo. Bentz.
159 F. L. Ulrich.
161 I. D. Shamhart.
163 J. W. Harris.
165 Morris Ginsburg.
167 Wm. H. Long.
169 J. Will Price.
171 Lawrence J. Bell.
173 Geo. Clikeman.
175 B. H. Miller.
177 J. S. Carson.
179 Joseph A. Winkler.
183 C. M. Johnson.
185 W. J. McDaniel.
187 Walter H. Rogers.
189 Alonzo Stallings.
191 Jos. W. Denbo.
193 Everett L. Werts.
195 Fred Burnes.
197 O. W. Schell.
199 Anthony C. Nye.
201 Franklin S. Ebright.
203 J. C. Jared.
205 N. B. Johnson.
207 Wm. V. McKinstry.
209 T. R. Ricker.
211 Chas. E. Mesnard.
213 H. A. Woomer.
215 Wm. N. Wisehart.
217 C. F. Wadsworth.
219 George Mau.
221 Ernest Hanke.
223 A. H. Wingate.
225 G. M. Spry.
227 C. A. Evans.
229 S. W. Ellsworth.
231 Charles Novak.
233 John Borger.
235 S. T. Crewell.
237 Wm. A. Neal.
239 Fred H. Randall.
241 Jacob E. Braddy.
243 E. M. Vasconcellos.
245 Charles Umbarger.
247 H. A. Babb.
249 Wilbert Wright.
251 W. H. Gibour.
253 James F. Mathewson.
255 Charles J. Riddle.
257 H. U. Smouse.
259 T. T. Miller.
261 John N. Sandberg.
263 Jesse L. Griggs.
265 Owen D. Thomson.
267 F. W. Goddard.
269 Charles Harlan.
271 Gottlieb Kraetzer.
273 E. C. Webster.
275 Arthur N. Staples.
277 Charles E. Kesterson.
279 W. H. R. Morris.
281 Andrew N. Engle.
283 John P. Foster.
285 James Eccles.
287 George Zehnder.
289 W. J. Dolson.
291 R. E. Brown.
293 HenryHillmer.
297 W. H. Allen.
299 Ferdinand J. Brown.
301 William Bowman.
303 Henry Conerus.
305 William C. Schultz.
307 Logan Barber.
309 H. O. Bader.

311 H. C. Brown.
313 M. W. Hoffee.
315 John M. Sims.
319 F. W. Watkins.
321 Arthur L. Mason.
323 W. A. Withrow.
325 G. S. Long.
327 P. L. Heinecke.
329 Julius Schulz.
331 James G. McCoy.
333 W. H. Hammersmith.
335 John F. Chism.
337 Charles Meeker.
339 B. T. Crane.
341 C. O. Hinchee.
343 C. H. Leyerle.
345 Henry Mathein.
347 Henry Fellows.
349 Hugo Rougk.
353 Gustav C. Geleng.
355 Jerry Poe.
357 Alex C. Swartwout.
359 Hans Jensen.
361 Peter Johnson.
363 George W. Baugher.
365 Ernst F. Kramer.
367 George E. Motley.
369 Edward Kuhn.
371 J. M. Eastin.
373 Marcus Sweat.
375 H. W. Lemasters.
377 Joseph Stoneman.
379 William H. Rudd.
381 R. A. Baldridge.
383 Fred J. Kellogg.
385 Henry Aukersheil.
387 E. C. Silliman.
389 Henry J. Schill.
391 Charles R. Huggans.
395 John Schaubert.
397 Alonzo Jones.
399 T. A. Dickson.
401 Charles W. Wesner.
403 W. A. Medaris.
405 A. L. Thompson.
407 Christian Muth.
409 August Rehling.
411 Jacob G. Reul.
413 Hayes Flesher.
415 W. J. Bown.
417 F. C. Barton.
419 H. G. Hodge.
421 John E. Mitchell.
423 E. J. Fenton.
425 George T. Bateman.
427 A. Yocum.
429 R. Tessen.
431 John H. Davison.
433 Grant Limerick.
435 Henry Dorn.
437 J. H. Dale.
439 Daniel Behrendt.
441 W. W. Hooper.
443 J. B. Wilson.
445 Charles Maddox.
449 E. P. Edsall.
453 Archie C. Block.
455 William G. Nicholson.
457 I. N. Erlwine.
459 C. W. Morris.
461 Samuel Weinshenker.
463 J. W. Bell.
465 O. C. Pottorff.
467 Christ Gonnermann.
469 J. W. Ellington.
471 J. C. Wagner.
473 U. D. Hecox.
475 I. C. Swan.
477 John Weidmann.
479 F. O. Anderson.
481 F. A. Pfolsgrof.
483 T. W. Iseminger.
485 A. H. Sellmer.
487 J. H. Specard.
489 J. A. Dalbey.
491 James W. Irwin.
493 O. M. Hite.
495 Vincent Roberts.

497 R. B. Merry.
499 Henry F. Depke.
501 J. A. Johnson.
503 C. A. Partee.
505 J. F. Pumphrey.
509 August Miller.
511 W. A. Mills.
513 M. W. Tambling.
515 William Thetford.
517 W. C. Plumbeck.
519 John Vidano.
521 Joseph W. Schulman.
523 C. R. Yocum.
525 C. H. Brown.
527 H. J. Hunter.
529 N. E. Wiles.
531 Herman Kahl.
535 L. F. McCracken.
537 E. L. Johnson.
539 Joseph F. Ditter.
541 Seigel Arnold.
543 Robert F. Tarr.
545 S. E. Pemberton.
547 H. K. Page.
549 B. R. Hammer.
551 R. L. Clements.
553 Benjamin Leadley.
555 C. H. Manverse.
557 O. W. Howard.
559 Theodore Voelkel.
561 Herman W. Luetzow.
563 R. E. Givens.
565 John Holtsclaw.
567 Louis Gutherz.
569 H. C. Long.
571 Oler Langley.
573 Robert D. Cheeseman.
575 A. Leiferman.
577 Hugo Fasbender.
579 J. N. Kitterman.
581 Richard Thornton.
583 Frank O. Nelson.
585 Frank Hale.
587 H. D. Neve.
589 O. H. Dunbar.
591 A. P. McHenry.
593 W. C. Pollard.
595 Frank Claussen.
597 C. A. Robbins.
599 O. P. Rannebarger.
601 N. H. Johnson.
603 John P. A. Schodt.
605 Frank L. Hays.
607 V. A. Hathaway.
609 Orton Traver.
611 Thomas H. Taylor.
613 Nathan Goldrath.
615 W. S. Barger.
617 J. F. McBride.
619 J. Frank North.
621 A. D. Morrow.
623 J. A. Halterman.
625 John M. Howerton.
627 D. W. Allen.
629 W. H. Ray.
631 T. W. Curtis.
633 J. C. Epperson.
635 G. W. Tuttle.
637 J. T. Hebben.
639 Peter N. Perry.
641 E. L. Kincheloe.
643 J. H. Allemier.
645 Howard Robertson.
647 C. M. Hurt.
649 David N. Truby.
651 W. S. Romack.
653 Fred Randall.
655 Monroe Rickard.
657 Stephen E. White.
659 J. N. Rinehart.
661 I. N. Martin.
663 Daniel E. Peace.
665 John J. Steiner.
667 S. H. Seas.
669 Ernest Guenther.
671 Homer Turney.
673 William Piehl.
675 J. C. Berry.

677 G. B. Larison.
679 C. R. Scurrah.
681 John T. Shaw.
683 James E. Macon.
695 Hugh Menk.
689 Orlando Patterson.
691 E. W. Theobald.
693 Willis Melville.
695 Edw. Gholson.
697 D. H. Coffman.
699 Christ S. Slot.
701 J. E. Scott.
703 F. T. Guthrie.
707 Ollie Buskohl.
709 Mansel L. Danford.
711 Edwin Cade.
713 George C. Hutchings.
715 George Carter.
717 Anthony Walton.
719 W. E. Burton.
721 Harry W. Cooper.
723 H. J. Barber.
725 E. L. Writesman.
727 E. J. Forsythe.
729 G. W. Ravenstein.
731 W. J. Keaster.
733 S. T. Brewster.
735 Walter H. Quillen.
739 J. W. Atwood.
741 Oscar Strobel.
743 George W. Burmood.
745 J. W. Atkinson.
747 S. S. Underwood.
749 C. E. Heckler.
751 Virgil L. DeWitt.
753 E. M. Patterson.
755 Henry Dohme.
757 D. D. Millhizer.
759 E. M. Journey.
761 U. S. Garrett.
763 W. F. Fehr.
765 R. M. Johnson.
767 A. P. Robertson.
769 William D. Mallett.
771 O. A. Beebe.
773 Lyman Ferguson.
775 H. B. Titus.
777 Samuel E. Davis.
779 E. D. Mackie.
781 Alva McCleland.
783 David Yazel.
785 Ora E. Kiser.
787 F. H. Groff.
789 F. M. Stringer.
791 W. H. Williams.
793 J. M. Groves.
795 Ed. E. Robeson.
797 William N. Barnett.
799 Carl Carlson.
801 Oscar Fisher.
803 J. H. Colver.
805 E. C. Ruby.
807 J. R. Chesnut.
809 John Kitch.
813 E. H. Soule.
815 Allan A. McMillen.
817 A. W. Turk.
819 W. J. Fritz.
821 W. E. Mick.
823 William C. Keihman.
825 John E. Miner.
827 Louis E. Russell.
829 J. F. Bailey.
831 L. S. Long.
833 J. C. Wilson sr.
835 C. S. Wilson.
837 George Rodgers.
839 M. N. Beecher.
841 S. R. Loitz.
843 C. R. Evans.
845 Cory Yoder.
847 Charles E. Leth.
853 Joseph N. Booker.
855 Jess Skelton.
857 C. I. Myers.
859 W. A. St. John.
861 G. R. Davis.
863 Charles E. Geyer.

865 Gus A. Pomrenke.
867 John R. Hanlon.
869 Grant Shoemaker.
871 Jacob Kuebler.
873 C. W. Faverty.
877 F. O. Dickerman.
879 L. C. Apple.
881 J. A. Krais.
883 B. A. Peebles.
885 Henry Rentschler.
887 F. M. Yohe.
889 John O. Smith.
891 L. B. Hubbard.
893 A. T. Swisher.
895 William M. Schuwerk.
897 R. B. Tinkle.
899 A. F. Cunafare.
901 C. C. Colburn.
903 Louis J. Delson.
905 Jacob Yakey.
907 J. W. White.
909 Samuel Levy.
911 J. P. Barker.
913 O. E. Kinkade.
915 T. I. Leggitt.
917 E. J. Schwartz.
919 Henry Sisk.
921 A. L. Brown.
923 B. F. Bowman.
925 William Berkshire.
927 George A. Shafer.
929 E. J. Johnson.
931 W. T. Heffington.
933 F. H. Kreuter.
935 John Walker.
937 H. T. Hackley.
939 James M. Sharp.
941 John A. Brown.
943 P. P. Pircher.
945 E. M. Jones.
947 W. E. Henry.
949 George M. Scruggs.
951 Edward Shaw.
953 H. C. Beach.
955 M. C. Wells.
957 H. G. Bartholomew.
959 C. M. Doty.
961 Thomas Shapley.
963 E. C. Souders.
965 Henry F. Ippensen.
969 H. F. Burnett.
973 William M. Phebus.
975 Eugene Vinyard.

For one year, to fill vacancies—

10 William A. Duckgeischel.
14 Charles S. Caldwell.
18 Henry Lemburg.
22 Joseph Weigselbaum.
30 Henry Brinkman.
36 William H. Schulte.
42 Fred Kelley.
44 Ray C. Pancake.
52 James Reid.
54 J. Q. A. Ledbetter.
64 Buel Morris.
66 T. H. Rolley.
84 Simon H. Brackensick.
86 W. E. Sperry.
94 John Mattison.
98 Hulbert Huff.
112 Charles Engle.
116 J. C. Travis.
124 Jonas W. Carlisle.
130 E. L. McCann.
136 J. D. Durham.
142 N. O. Johnson.
162 Martin Tubbs.
178 Elias McGehee.
184 J. M. Foster.
190 William J. Simpson.
200 E. B. Monahan.
208 F. A. Vaeth.
218 Charles Child.
224 Peter W. Kobler.

232 Charles Shaffer.
246 W. H. Greene.
248 Edd Wood.
250 Adrian Schneider.
252 Warren Satterfield.
256 S. W. Love.
264 Walter Vancil.
266 William Gates.
270 Edward Manes.
272 William A. Webber.
280 John C. Beard.
296 William Wright.
302 C. H. Brown.
308 F. T. Clements.
330 George E. Collins.
334 G. V. Call.
340 Harry V. Carter.
348 George T. Shane.
366 Frank Moores.
368 William M. Caffery.
370 William H. Ash.
390 William Understock.
398 Jacob Graffy.
410 George Phillips.
414 G. B. Scott.
416 George B. Parkins.
418 John A. Swanson.
428 Peter Wingert.
450 Elbert F. Norton.
454 C. S. Wright.
462 A. N. Brown.
472 B. A. Bagby.
482 C. M. Robards.
486 H. E. Bartlett.
498 William H. Baker.
500 William J. Ashton.
502 S. S. Burns.
516 William Hicks.
518 I. L. Calkins.
522 Jacob Spangler.
528 J. T. Markel.
534 W. P. Bradley.
538 Frank Carrigan.
548 George W. Riley.
564 George Steube.
568 George Patterson.
574 Henry Blatt.
580 George R. Kohlman.
582 J. R. Morris.
598 H. J. Kunkle.
614 Charles Allen.
616 F. E. Painter.
622 William Jones.
646 Charles I. Lucas.
648 W. T. Moore.
664 John D. Williams.
676 J. I. Minton.
680 Joseph F. Cross.
684 Daniel Maskell.
688 Thomas Kewley.
712 I. F. Greeson.
714 Clarence Underhill.
724 G. W. Detamore.
726 B. J. Stephens.
732 Carl E. Sapp.
736 James O. Baker.
754 M. J. Ruffner.
758 W. H. Marriott.
772 J. W. Bateman.
774 Scott Wimmer.
778 A. M. Lain.
790 W. S. Dillman.
792 O. T. Shoot.
796 M. S. Brougher.
806 C. H. Holmes.
812 Charles R. Anderson.
816 George F. Townsend.
820 Thomas W. Mayo.
824 R. V. Frayser.
832 R. S. Renne.
836 James W. Schrayer.
838 Stephen A. Douglas.
842 H. A. Beasley.
844 D. G. Corbin.
854 William F. Harman.
858 Fred J. Wemple.
864 George Norris.
866 J. J. Murphy.

886 F. W. Kuechler.
888 Z. T. Bickford.
894 T. R. Stevens.
898 H. Shoptaw.
900 Mahlon Wilson.
904 R. A. Dale.
906 D. A. Howard.
908 J. P. Andersen.
916 William L. Chrystal.
922 J. W. Emery.
926 J. W. Thompson.
930 Alex. Bettis.
932 S. E. Harrison.
934 Frank J. Clendenin.
936 Elmer E. Evans.
940 S. F. Latta.
942 L. S. McDowell.
944 S. H. Davis.
952 C. P. Cooper.
954 J. F. Shafer.
956 W. C. Sanborn.
962 J. D. McLain.
964 M. A. Boyles.
966 James C. Durbin.
968 James Thompson.
970 D. W. Gooding.
972 Clarence King.
974 Carl Wilson.

W. H. Bean,
Samuel E. Erickson,
John E. Jennings,
Committee.

DOCUMENT NO. 2.

Second report, by Bro. W. H. Bean, of No. 825.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that we have examined the credentials of the following named Past Grands, and find the brothers entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree:

341 W. Henley.
260 E. Hamilton.
413 E. McMullen.
613 H. Lipman.
236 W. Murphy.
359 A. T. Carlson.
256 J. G. Ingersoll.
65 G. McFetridge.
465 Fred Morgan.
268 H. C. Ratz.
342 M. E. McMahon.
275 J. E. Montgomery.
151 J. M. Porter.
885 G. W. Hart.
642 J. Wittenmeyer.
71 Thomas A. Hartley.
852 H. V. Steiner.
356 George Hillerby.
542 C. E. Sharpley.
91 F. A. Johnson.
469 E. J. Robinson.
88 S. H. Pettitt.
691 E. W. Theobold.
683 Benjamin Walton.
344 James Wareheim.
243 F. L. Mawson.
77 James Depew.

Signed by the Committee.

DOCUMENT NO. 3.

Third report, by Bro. John E. Jennings, of No. 158.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report as follows: We find the following Past Grands in attendance, and recommend they be given the Grand Lodge Degree:

149 James Hitsbell.
123 J. F. Faith.
6 J. H. Edwards.
633 R. D. Robertson.
322 J. H. Davidson.
99 Aaron Pearson.
163 Robert Cinnamin.
48 Herman Hancock.
683 Benjamin Walthaus.
344 Harvey Eaton.

Signed by the Committee.

The printed Reports of the Grand Officers were distributed by the Grand Marshal and his assistants.

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois, I. O. O. F.:
Brethren:

Time in its flight has brought us to the close of another year, and in compliance with the requirements of our Constitution, and a well established custom, I herewith submit to you, for your consideration, a report of my official acts, as Executive head of this Grand Lodge. I am much pleased to be able to say to you that Odd Fellowship in this Grand jurisdiction is maintaining its well earned reputation for good works, high ideals, and the practice of those principles which have always distinguished it. It is commanding the attention of the uninitiated by its spirit of progressiveness, and drawing many of the best men in every community into its membership.

While we have had difficulties to encounter in the way of mastering the new Ritual (and even now, but few lodges are able to confer the degrees just as they should be conferred), still we have made substantial increase in membership during the year, and with nearly 87,000 members in this Grand Jurisdiction, advocating and practicing the Cardinal Principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, and in the diffusion of Charity and Benevolence, we exercise a great power for good, that can scarcely be realized. I am pleased to report to you, that during the past year, peace and harmony have generally prevailed, and no serious dissension has arisen to bring discord among the lodges, or the brethren, and the true spirit of fraternity has predominated. One year ago I was honored by being elected to the office of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and now as I am about to retire from this office, I want to assure you that all I have done, or endeavored to do, has been prompted by the desire to promote the welfare of the Order, and to administer justice to every member of this great Fraternity in the State of Illinois.

When I assumed this pleasant, but ardurous duty one year ago, I realized my weakness, and asked the loyal support of every member of the Order in the State, and I am glad to report to you that, with very few exceptions, I have had the hearty coöperation of the mem-

bership of all branches of the Order, and have thereby been very materially assisted in my work. No doubt I have made many mistakes, and perhaps have not done my whole duty as it should have been done, but I assure you that such mistakes were of the head and not of the heart, for my intentions have always been to do, what seemed to me, to be for the good of the Order.

I have in each instance done the best I could under the circumstances, and am gratified to say that at no time has there been shown a disposition to avoid the results of my decisions, or to criticise in any unfriendly spirit anything that has been done by me.

Before going into details of the year's work, I wish to make brief mention of the death of three of our brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the past year.

NECROLOGY.

We are reminded that we live in a world of transition, a world of change, a world where the mutilating hand of time is seen in all things mortal. To-day our friends are about us in the freshness and bloom of health, and tomorrow we bend in anguish over their cold forms. As Raleigh has well said: "Oh, eloquent, just, and mighty death; those whom none could advise, thou hast persuaded; what none hath dared, thou hast done; and whom all the world flattered, thou only hast cast out and despised. Thou hast drawn together all the far-stretched greatness, all the pride, cruelty, and ambition of man, and covered it over with those two narrow words—"Here lies." Drummond says: "Poetry draws near death only to hover over it for a moment and withdraw in terror. History knows it simply as a universal fact. Philosophy finds it among the mysteries of being, the one great mystery of being not."

Shirley has expressed the same thought in the following striking lines:

"The glories of our blood and state
Are shadows, not substantial things;
There is no armor against fate,
Death lays his icy hands on Kings;
Scepter and Crown
Must tumble down,
And in the dust be equal made
With the poor, crooked Scythe and Spade."

JOHN L. NOLEN,

Grand Sire of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, died at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, on Monday night, December 14, 1908.

His career as an Odd Fellow, covering a period of many years, was active, honorable, and distinguished, and his death, coming as it did, just at the beginning of his administration, was the more lamented by the members of the Order, and especially by the members of this Grand Lodge, from the fact that he visited us during the last session and delivered a most able and eloquent address on the occasion of the dedication of our Domestic Science building at the Orphans' Home in Lincoln. Upon his death the following proclamation was sent to the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction:

Proclamation.

To the Officers and Members of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and all Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the I. O. O. F.:

With profound sorrow it becomes my duty to announce the death of our beloved Brother John L. Nolen, late Grand Sire, which sad event occurred at his home city, Nashville, Tennessee, on Monday night, December 14, 1908.

In the death of Brother Nolen, Odd Fellowship throughout the world sustains a great loss. Admirably equipped by a high order of ability, and by long service and experience in the Order and in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, he was giving a splendid administration and making a magnificent record as Grand Sire. I hereby extend sympathy to the entire Fraternity in the great bereavement which has so suddenly and unexpectedly come to us all. His eminent virtues as a man and Odd Fellow and his distinguished services will be ever cherished and constitute a bright chapter in fraternal history.

As a mark of honor and respect to his memory the office of The Sovereign Grand Lodge in Baltimore, Md., was closed on the day of the funeral, the building draped in mourning and the flag placed at half mast. A suitable floral offering was also authorized and ordered.

It is further ordered that the charters of all Grand and Subordinate bodies be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Under the Constitution of The Sovereign Grand Lodge the duties of Acting Grand Sire now devolve upon me until the meeting of said body at Seattle, Wash., on the third Monday in September next. In entering upon the discharge of these duties I do so with reliance on the guidance of the Supreme Ruler of the universe, and invoke, and know I will receive, the fraternal coöperation of the membership in all branches of the Order.

E. R. Sayler.

GRAND MASTER.

Done at Saratoga, Wyoming, this the nineteenth day of December, A. D. 1908, and of the Order the ninetieth year.

Attest:

JOHN B. GOODWIN, Grand Secretary.

W. L. KUYKENDALL, Acting Grand Sire.

Therefore I, W. M. Groves, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., in compliance with the foregoing proclamation request that the Charters of all Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

Dated at Petersburg, Illinois, this fourth day of January, A. D. 1909, and of the Order the ninetieth year.

Attest:

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary.

W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

ALFRED ORENDORFF,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died at his home in Springfield, on Friday morning, October 22, 1909. His was a life of unselfishness to his fellow men. As an Odd Fellow he enjoyed prominence throughout the State. He served as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1878, and for twelve years represented the Grand Lodge of Illinois in the Sovereign Grand Lodge. For many years he has served this Grand Lodge, in various capacities, with zeal and fidelity. It was given to but few men to secure and retain the friendship of so many of his associates as was the goodly fortune of Brother Orendorff. His genial presence and wise counsel will be sadly missed. His sterling qualities and sunny disposition won for him the love of the brethren wherever he was known. His funeral occurred on Sunday afternoon, October 24, and was attended by many Odd Fellows from every part of the State.

JOHN L. BARNUM,

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died at his home in the city of Chicago, on Monday, June 7, 1909. His funeral was held on Wednesday, June the 9th. For many years he had been identified with the affairs of Odd Fellowship and of this Grand Lodge, and everywhere throughout this Grand Jurisdiction he was loved and esteemed most highly. His administration as Grand Master was successful, and contributed largely to promote those favorable conditions which obtain in this Grand Jurisdiction now. Being unable to attend his funeral, I appointed Grand Secretary John H. Sikes, as representative of the Grand Lodge. Brother Sikes was present and assisted in the services.

COMMUNICATIONS TO LODGES.

Immediately after the close of the Grand Lodge, I sent out the following letter to the Lodges, naming the Standing Committees for the year.

Petersburg, Ill., Dec. 2, 1908.

To the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., Greeting:

In accordance with a time-honored custom, it becomes my duty, and indeed a privilege, to address to you my salutatory as your Grand Master, reviewing the past and offering a few suggestions for the future.

I wish, first of all, to express to the Odd Fellows of this great jurisdiction, my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and the confidence reposed in me by your Representatives, to exalt me to the position I now occupy; for I fully realize the importance of the office with its responsibilities. I assure you that my energies shall be exerted to the utmost in promoting the interest and welfare of our beloved Order. Let me also solicit your support and hearty coöperation, for without your assistance I shall be unable to accomplish the best results for the Order.

The Grand Officers are your servants, and they will only be able to advance along charitable and benevolent lines of work as you shall assist. Our Order is not a mere social organization for the pleasure of banquetings and processionings, having no practical bearing on the serious issues of life. We are not overgrown children, playing with gaudy toys, and amusing ourselves with regalias and high-sounding names, but the custodians of an institution whose object is to elevate and unify mankind. Let us realize the significance of our responsibility, and be faithful to our trust. If we shall feel the one and be true to the other, we will sympathize with humanity in the afflictions of life, and assist in bearing the burdens of our fellow beings.

We are all gratified with the growth of our Order during the past year, for many of the best men and women of the State have joined our ranks and enlisted in the great work of educating the orphan, caring for the sick, and comforting the distressed. More than four thousand have been added to the Subordinate Lodges, and about three thousand to the Rebekahs, and six thousand two hundred and sixty-nine dollars and forty-three cents to the endowment funds of our Homes, of which we are justly proud; for I am certain that there is not an Odd Fellow or a Rebekah but is proud of the fact that he or she belongs in this jurisdiction where two such magnificent institutions are maintained and supported, and which have been so well managed during the past year under the splendid administration of my predecessor. While we have made a fine record in the past year,

it should be our ambition to duplicate, or even improve upon it, during the ensuing year; but while we are anxious to increase our numbers and thereby our resources, we should use great care in selecting and electing candidates for membership, for we must keep in mind the fact that if we have the quality, it will be an easy matter to get the quantity, for if our membership is kept up to a high moral standard, good men and women will seek admission to our Order.

Therefore, no one should be solicited or recommended for membership unless he or she has the necessary strength of character to make an "Odd Fellow in Deed and in Truth."

I would recommend that a reasonable contribution be made by each Lodge to the endowment funds of our Homes. The amount of such contribution should be in proportion to the wealth and general prosperity of the Lodge; but I believe it should be considered a privilege by every member as well as every Lodge to contribute something each year for this most worthy purpose.

In our endeavors to increase our membership and maintain our Homes, we must not lose sight of our fraternal duties in our home Lodges. Worthy as these objects are, we have other burdens to bear, for it is given unto us to lift up the fallen, care for the sick, bury the dead, and comfort the bereaved, which is as much the duty of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs as to care for the aged and orphan; for there are today, tears boiling in hearts that we should cool; there are embers dying on the hearthstone that we should rekindle; there are pillows beneath aching heads that we should smooth; there are beds of the dying that we should surround, and there are yearning graves, black as midnight and damp as the breath of death to bereaved hearts, that we should fill with the light of sympathy and arch with the precious whispering truth of immortality.

The hungry plead eloquently for bread; the friendless are asking for friendship; the orphan holds up its feeble hand for protection, and the whole world is struggling and surging and throbbing in error and pain, while we may be ministering angels to solve the most perplexing and discouraging problems.

Human life is crowded with opportunities for the Odd Fellow to show the world that the brightest banner which casts a shadow among the fraternities of earth is the banner of Friendship, Love and Truth, and that Odd Fellowship is broad with sympathy and aglow with fraternal love.

Each Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge should select at once, and recommend for appointment, a brother or sister to act as Deputy for the Lodge. Such person recommended must be a Past Grand or Past Noble Grand, who is capable and competent; but do not select any one

who is not in every way worthy, and who will not "judge impartially of every transaction" which may be referred to him or her. Select one who is imbued with the spirit of Odd Fellowship more than the authority invested by the office. Choose one who can fraternize discordant factions and harmonize conflicting opinions.

Thanking you in advance for your support and assistance, which I know you will give to me, and again thanking you for this high honor, I am,

Yours very fraternally,

Attest:

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary.

W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1909.

As Grand Master, I hand you herewith a roster of the Officers and Committees elected and appointed for the coming year.

Elective Officers.

Name and Residence.	Lodge No.	Title.
W. M. Groves, Petersburg	Lodge No. 117	Grand Master
E. R. Sayler, Springfield	Lodge No. 6	Deputy Grand Master
James E. Davis, Chicago	Lodge No. 450	Grand Warden
John H. Sikes, Springfield	Lodge No. 465	Grand Secretary
Thomas B. Needles, Nashville	Lodge No. 37	Grand Treasurer
Owen Scott, P. G. M., Decatur	Lodge No. 186	Grand Rep.
Fred B. Merrills, P.G.M., Belleville	Lodge No. 650	Grand Rep.

Appointive Officers.

Name and Residence.	Lodge No.	Title.
Rev. S. P. Archer, Milford	Lodge No. 253	Grand Chaplain
W. A. Hubbard, Carrollton	Lodge No. 342	Grand Marshal
J. M. Barcus, Carlinville	Lodge No. 107	Grand Conductor
William Farthing, Odin	Lodge No. 866	Grand Guardian
Arnet C. Lines, Barrington	Lodge No. 856	Grand Herald
Henry A. Stone, Aurora	Lodge No. 122	Chief Ex. & Inst.
A. H. Gardner, Girard	Lodge No. 192	Asst. Ch'f Ex. & Inst.

Orphans' Home Directory.

Name and Residence.	Lodge No.	Term.
G. M. Carson, Bellflower	Lodge No. 659	One Year
Theodore Finn, G. Rep., Chicago	Lodge No. 240	Two Years
J. J. Brown, P.G.M., Vandalia	Lodge No. 122	Three Years
J. W. Birney, Bloomington	Lodge No. 77	Four Years
J O. Humphrey, P.G.M., Springfield	Lodge No. 465	Five Years

Rebekah Advisory Members.

Name.	Residence.	Term.
Mrs. Fanny Coon	Springfield	One Year
Mrs. May C. Keiser	Chicago	Two Years
Mrs. Lina D. Carlin, P.P	Jerseyville	Three Years
Mrs. Kate A. Troxell, P. P	Canton	Four Years
Mrs. Margaret E. Weldon, P. P	Cairo	Five Years

Trustees of the Old Folks' Home.

Name and Residence.	Lodge No.	Term.
L. M. Kagy, Salem	Lodge No. 114	One Year
J. W. Yantis, P.G.M., Shelbyville	Lodge No. 117	Two Years
O. B. Anderson, Dixon	Lodge No. 39	Three Years
F. D. P. Snelling, Chicago	Lodge No. 601	Four Years
M. W. Staples, Grove City	Lodge No. 275	Five Years

Rebekah Advisory Members.

Name.	Residence.	Term.
Mrs. V. Catherine Thomas, P.P	Quincy	One Year
Mrs. Sarah A. Bourell	Olney	Two Years
Mrs. Violet B. King	Rockford	Three Years
Mrs. Lillie E. Stewart, P.P	Chicago	Four Years
Mrs. Nellie L. Harris, P.P	Chicago	Five Years

Trustees of Endowment Funds.

Name and Residence.	Lodge No.	Term.
Chester M. Turner, P.G.R., Cmbdg.	Lodge No. 199	One Year
Alfred Orendorff, P.G.M., Spgfld	Lodge No. 465	Two Years
Edwin S. Conway, P.G.S., Oak Park.	Lodge No. 217	Three Years

Committee on Judiciary and Appeals.

Name and Residence.	Lodge No.	Term.
W. E. P. Anderson, Carlinville	Lodge No. 107	One Year
Henry Phillips, P.G.M., Beardstown.	Lodge No. 16	Two Years
Duncan McDougall, Ottawa	Lodge No. 41	Three Years
J. R. Kewley, P.G.M., Chicago	Lodge No. 450	Four Years
Henry A. Stone, P.G.M., Aurora	Lodge No. 122	Five Years

Committee on Credentials.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge No.
W. H. Bean	Chicago	825
S. E. Erickson	Chicago	479
John E. Jennings	Sullivan	158

Committee on the State of the Order.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge No.
E. E. Skillin	Chicago	217
M. A. Sherman	Evanston	673
A. T. Roner	Chicago	506
H. A. Eyman	West Point	844
A. V. Cook	Jonesboro	241
Edward Turner	Waverly	93
W. L. Dabler	Princeton	428
J. Johansen	Carthage	412
W. T. Heinemann	Chicago	858
J. H. Byers	Hidalgo	886
E. A. Morphew	Havana	143
Chris. Christensen	Petersburg	123
W. C. Darnall	McLean	746
Geo. Mead	Rushville	24
Henry Higgins	Winchester	70

Committee on Legislation.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge. No.
Chas. S. Harris, P.G.M.	Galesburg	478
Geo. W. Young	Marion	392
C. A. Dewey	Chicago	288
J. J. Crowder	Peoria	21
G. W. Lacky	Lawrenceville	814
Chas. E. Martin	Virginia	68
O. E. Tandy	Jacksonville	121
Samuel Watson	Champaign	139
C. M. Lytle	Sterling	186
H. J. Wheeler	Quincy	357
Fred A. Rice	Blue Island	327
E. W. Seehorn	Barry	336
W. S. Mesnard	Mason	211
R. A. Ellis	Chicago	198
Lylle A. Murphy	Mound City	250

Committee on Finance.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge. No.
M. P. Berry, P.G.M.	Carthage	412
Geo. F. Koester	Chicago	601
W. H. Pease	Harvey	80

Committee on Rebekah Degree.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge No.
Geo. F. Howard, P.G.M.	Paris	664
Cicero J. Lindly, P.G.M.	Greenville	3
H. Husman	Petersburg	123
O. C. Sexton	Alpha	518
Fred Strohm	Chicago	8

J. J. Lyell	Wayne City	558
F. O. Nelson	Moline	583
T. R. Cook	Chicago	416
Hamilton Wash	Mt. Sterling	310
U. S. G. Dunbar	Streator	602

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge No.
W. W. Current	Danville	69
W. F. Thompson	Petersburg	123
H. T. Eberlein	Carrollton	342
Lou Fribourg	Decatur	65
J. W. Calvert	Dwight	513
Geo. Ross	East St. Louis	374
J. A. Lopp	Mt. Carmel	35
James Eccles	Red Bud	285
J. B. Chick	LeRoy	149
F. W. DeBolt	Chicago Heights	626
R. I. Jessop	Fairfield	32
Nelson Foley	Chicago	948
Fred Campbell	Troy	25
I. G. Wise	Freeport	30
A. E. Gent	Brighton	366

Committee on Railroads.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge. No.
W. R. Humphrey, P.G.M.	Chicago	240
C. E. Boyer	Chicago	55
C. A. Young	Chicago	696

Committee on Printing.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge No.
John R. Camp	Bushnell	322
Chas. W. Keiser	Chicago	240
Chas. McIntosh	Monticello	403

Special Committee on Home Libraries.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge No.
J. L. Barnum, P.G.M.	Chicago	9
L. L. McKinley, P.G.M.	Chicago	41
C. F. Mansfield, P.G.M.	Monticello	589

I have also issued the following letters to Lodges from time to time:

Odd Fellows' League and Relief Board.

Petersburg, Ill., Feb. 6, 1909.

To the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Cook County, Greeting:

Your attention is most earnestly called to the formation of the Odd Fellows' League and Relief Board.

At the Session of the Grand Lodge in 1907, the Grand Lodge instructed Grand Master Scott to use his best endeavors to effect a consolidation of the Odd Fellows' Board of Relief and the Illinois Odd Fellows' League. Grand Master Scott appointed a committee which recommended a complete plan and a new organization has been formed to be known as the Odd Fellows' League and Relief Board.

The new organization was formed at a meeting of the representatives of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Cook County, Sept. 4, 1907. The new organization has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. The following officers have been chosen by the representatives of the Lodges of Cook County: C. A. Young, President; A. F. Hanson, Vice President; F. B. Fellows, Secretary; Aurielie C. Heuermann, Treasurer; C. H. Philbrick, John R. Watson, W. E. Gaskill, Trustees.

It is the purpose of this new organization to establish headquarters in the loop district, to be in charge of a salaried officer who shall devote his entire time to the work of the Order in Cook County. A stenographer will also be engaged. This will bring together under one management all the fraternal forces in Cook County for the relief of all worthy distressed brothers and sisters, and also the work heretofore conducted by the Board of Relief, as well as by the Illinois Odd Fellows' League.

The Grand Lodge, at its session in November, 1908, approved this organization, and commended it to the Lodges of Cook County.

The Grand Lodge authorized the Grand Master to appoint a Special Deputy to represent him and the Grand Lodge in the active work of this body, and by virtue of the power vested in me, I have appointed H. M. Blood of Moreland Lodge, No. 330, as the Special Deputy of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master.

The officers of this organization have submitted to me a plan of maintaining this organization, and the proposed plan is that each Subordinate Lodge be requested to contribute 10 cents per member per year, and all Rebekah Lodges be requested to contribute 5 cents per member per year, to be paid in quarterly installments in advance, the first of January, April, July and October, and I have approved that plan, and request all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges to draw a warrant for the installments for the period from January 1st to March 31st, 1909, and mail the same to Fred B. Fellows, Secretary, Room 306, 185 Dearborn Street.

The Grand Lodge has also directed that no other organization covering the same field shall be permitted to appeal to members of the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Cook County for financial assistance.

The two existing organizations are requested by the Grand Lodge to turn over to the new organization any assets in their hands, and in case they do not do so, the funds remaining in their hands shall be returned to the contributing lodges pro rata.

This new organization should prove of great benefit to the Order in Cook County, and I congratulate the brothers and sisters of Cook County that they have taken this action and will establish headquarters where information can be readily given and assistance immediately rendered in any branch of the work of Odd Fellowship.

As this organization is to be maintained by voluntary donations, I ask that every Subordinate and Rebekah Lodge in Cook County contribute its moral and financial support.

Fraternally yours,

Attest:

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary.

W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

1819—ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION—1909.

Petersburg, Ill., March 15, 1909.

To the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Illinois:

The ninetieth anniversary of the establishment of our Order in America will occur on the 26th day of April, 1909. In accordance with a well established custom, our Acting Grand Sire W. L. Kuykendall has issued a proclamation under date of February 12th, 1909, enjoining upon all Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the Order the duty of taking appropriate action for the commemoration thereof. Therefore, I, W. M. Groves, Grand Master, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do most earnestly request that all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges within this jurisdiction observe this event by suitable and appropriate exercises, on the 26th day of April, 1909, or some day approximate thereto. In such exercises let all render thanksgivings to the great Author of our being for the manifold blessings and prosperity which, as an Order, we have received from His hands.

A general dispensation is hereby granted to all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges which observe this anniversary in accordance with this proclamation, to wear the regalia of the Order upon such occasion and in accordance with our established laws.

Done at the city of Petersburg, on this 15th day of March, A. D. 1909, and in the year of our Order the Ninetieth.

Attest:

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary.

W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

SPURIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

Petersburg, Ill., April 10, 1909.

To All Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F. of Illinois, Greeting:

Dear Brothers and Sisters—Under command from Grand Sire W. L. Kuykendall, issued at Saratoga, Wyoming, March 30th, 1909, I, W. M. Groves, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, hereby request and require each member of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction to obey the letter and spirit of the following proclamation, and further ask my deputies to report to me any infractions of this law.

Fraternally yours,

Attest:

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary.

W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
Of the
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.
Office of the Acting Grand Sire.

PROCLAMATION.

To All Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, and Presidents of Rebekah Assemblies, Greeting:

It having come to my knowledge that certain unprincipled men have combined and are engaged in the nefarious scheme of publishing a book, pamphlets and documents purporting to be the written and unwritten work of Odd Fellowship, and are using the mails in advertising such work;

Now, therefore, by virtue of authority in me vested, I, W. L. Kuykendall, Acting Grand Sire, do hereby call upon every member of the Order to refrain from having anything whatever to do with such unauthorized publications or purchase and use thereof; and all members are hereby notified and warned that the penalty for having in possession any unauthorized work, purporting to be the written or unwritten work of the Order, is expulsion, as set forth in Busbee's Digest, Sections 1962 and 2246; and Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs and Presidents of Rebekah Assemblies are hereby requested and required to promulgate the foregoing in their respective Jurisdictions, and to take such other action as they may deem necessary to prevent their lodges, encampments and the membership generally from purchasing and attempting the use of any and all unlawful material and

work of every kind, and to cause their subordinates to enforce the law in such cases made and provided.

Done at Saratoga, Wyoming, March 30th, 1909.

Attest:

JOHN B. GOODWIN,
Grand Secretary.

W. L. KUYKENDALL,
Acting Grand Sire.

OBEY THE LAW.

Petersburg, Ill., April 10, 1909.

To the Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F. of Illinois, Greeting:

Dear Brothers—It has come to my knowledge that a number of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction are violating the laws of the Order, and this letter is promulgated for the purpose of calling attention to the law in the following matters, viz: **Lodge Jurisdiction, Initiation and Degree Fees, General and Special Funds, Saloonkeepers, Bartenders and Professional Gamblers, Intoxicating Liquors at I. O. O. F. Entertainments, Sunday Observance, Lodge Deputies.**

I shall not undertake to quote the law covering these subjects, but the same can be found in the Illinois Code of 1906, and it is my intention as Grand Master to enforce the law as it has been adopted for the government of the Order by the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

I have under consideration at this time a few flagrant violations which may result in arresting some Subordinate charters, and I call upon my Lodge Deputies to assist me in the discharge of my duties as Grand Master.

Lodge Jurisdiction.

The question of Lodge Jurisdiction is fully covered in the Code and there is no excuse for violating the law. Each Lodge has jurisdiction in a straight line over one-half of the territory to the nearest Lodge in each direction, except where there are two or more Lodges working in the same language in a city or village, in which case they have concurrent jurisdiction. It is illegal for any Lodge to admit to membership, either by initiation or deposit of card, any person residing nearer another Lodge working in the same language without the consent of such Lodge having been first obtained in writing and the payment to such Lodge of the amount of fees for initiation and degrees charged by the Lodge receiving such person, but the Lodge giving the consent in writing may also, in writing, if it so desires, waive the above named fees.

Initiation and Degree Fees.

The minimum fees to be charged are $5.00 for the initiation and $3.00 for each of the three degrees, making a total of $14.00, and any Lodge accepting an applicant for membership by initiation for a less fee is violating the law. I desire especially to call your attention to the fact that a Lodge cannot evade this law by rebating any part of these fees or by offering a commission to members securing applications, but the entire $14.00 must be paid into the General Fund of the Lodge and remain there to meet the obligations of the Order.

General and Special Funds.

The General Fund shall be considered sacredly pledged to the relief of distressed Brothers, the payment of benefits, the furnishing of the Lodge room, and such other necessary expenses as are and may be recognized and authorized by the laws of the Order.

(For legitimate and illegitimate expenditures of Lodge Funds see Code 1906, pages 263 and 264.)

A Special Fund can be created by setting aside by by-law 5 per cent of the receipts for dues, for entertainments.

Saloonkeepers, Bartenders and Professional Gamblers.

I desire to call your attention to the fact that a Saloonkeeper, Bartender or Professional Gambler is not eligible to membership in our Order, and any Lodge admitting such persons is openly and willfully violating the law governing Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction. It is the duty of the Investigating Committee to ascertain that the occupation of the applicant is correctly stated in the petition.

Intoxicating Liquors.

It has been brought to my attention that intoxicating liquors have been dispensed on a few occasions at entertainments given under the auspices of the Order, which is contrary to the law in this jurisdiction.

Sunday Observance.

A Lodge cannot hold any meetings for work or business on Sunday, but funeral services may be held and the observance of Memorial Day may be had on this day, but picnics, excursions, etc., in the name of the Order cannot legally be held under the auspices of the Order on Sunday.

Lodge Deputies.

A great amount of unnecessary correspondence must be answered by the Grand Master because his Deputies are not properly recognized. Before bringing the matter to me for official action, it is my desire that all questions pertaining to the welfare of your Lodge shall first be passed upon by my Deputy, who is in a position to thoroughly understand conditions in your Lodge.

In this letter I have simply attempted to call the attention of the Order to a few important matters and insist upon a due observance of the laws of the Order by Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Attest: Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary. W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

Special Session Grand Lodge at Vienna.

Petersburg, Ill., April 12, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F. of Illinois—Dear Brethren:

Whereas, There are a large number of Past Grands in the city of Vienna, Johnson County, and vicinity, who are desirous of receiving the Grand Lodge Degree; and,

Whereas, Vesta Lodge No. 340, I. O. O. F., has made request therefor, I, W. M. Groves, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., do issue this my proclamation, under the power and authority in me vested by the laws and Constitution of said Grand Lodge, calling a special session of the Grand Lodge, to meet in the at 1 o'clock p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall, for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree.

Past Grands desiring to receive the Grand Lodge Degree are requested to present certificates of official rank from their Lodges to Bro. Ed. F. Morton, Secretary, as early as possible.

Representatives are not compelled to attend this special session of the Grand Lodge, but all who can possibly do so should be present, but they will not be allowed mileage and per diem.

Those officers of the Grand Lodge required by law to attend will take notice and be governed accordingly, and I hope there will be a good attendance of members at this special session.

No mileage or per diem will be allowed and all expenses of said special session must be met by the local Lodge making application for said session.

Attest: Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary. W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

ODD FELLOWS' AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

Petersburg, Ill., May 5, 1909.

To All Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F. of Illinois, Greeting:

Dear Brothers and Sisters—Under command from Grand Sire W. L. Kuykendall, issued at Saratoga, Wyoming, April 12th, 1909, I, W. M. Groves, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, hereby request and require each member of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction to obey the letter and spirit of the following proclamation, and further ask my deputies to report to me any infractions of this law.

Fraternally yours,

Attest:

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary.

W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE
Of the
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.
Office of the Acting Grand Sire.

PROCLAMATION.

To All Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, Presidents of Rebekah Assemblies, and Department Commanders, Greeting:

Whereas, It having come to my knowledge that some members of the Order have established and are soliciting other members in many, if not all, Grand Lodge Jurisdictions to establish therein organizations or societies based upon membership in some branch of our Order, contrary to the following law as the same appears in the Revised Journal of 1883, pages 9361 and 9363;

"Resolved, That any Odd Fellow who shall hereafter retain membership in or become a member of any secret organization not subordinate to this Grand Body, which shall have adopted or appropriated to its own use the uniform, regalia, emblems, name, titles, mottoes or initials of this Order, or any part of them, or in which qualification for membership is based upon the applicant's standing in this Order; or in which the applicant is required to obligate himself to prefer said organization, or any member thereof at the expense of this Order or any of its members, shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow and a grave offense against Odd Fellowship, and upon conviction thereof shall be expelled."

Now, therefore, I, W. L. Kuykendall, Acting Grand Sire, request and enjoin upon all members to be loyal to the Order as it now exists, and to the Sovereign Grand Lodge as the only supreme governing body in Odd Fellowship, by refraining from giving countenance to or aiding in any way in the establishing and maintenance of any organization or society which has been or shall be established contrary to any provision of said Law, or contrary to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in reäffirming said Law as appears in Report 81 of the Committee on Judiciary, page 693, Journal of 1908, or which is attempting, directly or indirectly, in any locality to make membership in our Order a basis or foundation on which to build up said societies, which claim they are independent of and do not owe obedience to any Grand Body of our Order.

And the attention of every Grand Master, Grand Patriarch, and other officers whose duty it is to see that the Laws of the Order are executed in their respective Jurisdictions, is directed to said Law, and they are hereby required to immediately take such action as will enforce said Law and compel such societies to rely upon their own efforts and not upon our Order as a basis for success.

Done at Saratoga, Wyoming, April twelfth, nineteen hundred and nine.

Attest:

JOHN B. GOODWIN,
Grand Secretary.

W. L. KUYKENDALL,
Acting Grand Sire.

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

Petersburg, Ill., May 5, 1909.

To the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges, I. O. O. F., of Illinois:

Dear Brethren and Sisters—According to the requirements of a standing resolution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and the proclamation of acting Grand Sire W. L. Kuykendall, I do hereby name the second Tuesday of June next, being the 8th day of June, 1909, as Memoria dDay, and request all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges that have suffered loss in membership by death to assemble on that day or upon any more convenient day approximate thereto, and engage in appropriate services in memory of their deceased members. A general dispensation to wear the regalia of the Order at such memorial services is hereby granted to all Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges within this jurisdiction.

Done at the city of Petersburg, on this 5th day of May, 1909, and in the year of our Order the ninety-first.

Attest:

JNO. H. SIKES,
Grand Secretary.

W. M. GROVES,
Grand Master.

The ceremony for Memorial Day and for decorating the graves of deceased members, (two in one book), may be obtained from Grand Secretary, Jno. H. Sikes, Springfield, Ill., at 25 cents per copy.

Special Session Grand Lodge at Mattoon.

Petersburg, Ill., May 28, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F., of Illinois—Dear Brethren:

Whereas, There are a large number of Past Grands in the city of Mattoon, Coles county, and vicinity who are desirous of receiving the Grand Lodge Degree; and

Whereas, Coles County Lodge, No. 260, I. O. O. F., has made request therefor; I, W. M. Groves, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., do issue this my proclamation, under the power and authority in me vested by the laws and Constitution of said Grand Lodge, calling a Special Session of the Grand Lodge, to meet in the city of Mattoon, Coles county, on Wednesday, the 16th day of June, 1909, at 7 o'clock p. m. in the Hall of Coles County Lodge, No. 260, I. O. O. F., for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree.

Past Grands desiring to receive the Grand Lodge Degree are requested to present certificates of official rank from their Lodges to Bro. W. J. Cavins, Sec., Mattoon, Ill., as early as possible.

Representatives are not compelled to attend this Special Session of the Grand Lodge, but all who can possibly do so should be present, but they will not be allowed mileage and per diem.

Those officers of the Grand Lodge required by law to attend will take notice and be governed accordingly, and I hope there will be a good attendance of members at this Special Session.

No Mileage or Per Diem will be allowed and all expenses of said Special Session must be met by the local Lodge making application for said session.

Attest: Fraternally yours,

JOHN H. SIKES, Grand Secretary. W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

Special Session Grand Lodge at Libertyville

Petersburg, Ill., July 26, 1909.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges, I. O. O. F., of Illinois—Dear Brethren:

Whereas, There are a large number of Past Grands in the city of Libertyville, Lake County, and vicinity, who are desirous of receiving the Grand Lodge Degree; and

Whereas, Libertyville Lodge, No. 956, I. O. O. F., has made request therefor; I, W. M. Groves, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, I. O. O. F., do issue this my proclamation, under the power and

authority in me vested by the laws and Constitution of said Grand Lodge, calling a special session of the Grand Lodge, to meet in the city of Libertyville, Lake County, on Saturday, the 14th day of August, 1909, at 8:30 p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall, for the purpose of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree.

Past Grands desiring to receive the Grand Lodge Degree are requested to present certificates of official rank from their Lodges to Bro. A. R. Schnaeble, Secretary, as early as possible.

Representatives are not compelled to attend this special session of the Grand Lodge, but all who can possibly do so should be present, but they will not be allowed Mileage and Per Diem.

Those officers of the Grand Lodge required by law to attend will take notice and be governed accordingly, and I hope there will be a good attendance of members at this special session.

No Mileage or Per Diem will be allowed, and all expenses of said special session must be met by the local Lodge making application for said session.

Attest: Fraternally yours,

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary. W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

I. O. O. F. PICNIC.

Petersburg, Ill., June 1, 1909.

To the I. O. O. F. of Illinois:

Dear Brothers and Sisters—It affords me great pleasure to announce to you that the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Bloomington will entertain the children of our Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home at Lincoln, in Bloomington, on June 24, 1909.

At this time a picnic will be held in Miller Park, which is located but a short distance from the business section of Bloomington and of easy access by street car service.

For the purpose of perfecting arrangements, a committee has been organized from the various Lodges of Bloomington, composed of the following officers and committees, viz: N. B. Carson, Chairman; J. W. Birney, Secretary; Sigmund Heldman, Treasurer.

Committee on Arrangements—John R. Gee, N. B. Carson, Geo. W. Stubblefield, Wm. D. Newton, Arthur G. Stillhamer, J. W. Birney, Sig. Heldman, Herman M. Salch, Lyman R. Tay, Charles Huggins, John Clark, Geo. Guthegunst, C. H. Damaske, Wm. Peplow.

Through the Secretary I have been furnished with the following program of exercises:

ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME PICNIC.

Miller Park, Bloomington, Illinois, June 24, 1909.

PROGRAMME.

9:30 Arrival at Park via Interurban Cars from Lincoln.
9:30 to 10:30, Visit to Zoo and Gardens.
10:30 Ball Game, Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home team vs. Soldiers' Orphans' Home team.
11:30 Children's Races.
12:00 Picnic and Dinner.

At Band Pavilion, from 1:30 to 3:30—Selection by Band.
Invocation—Owen Scott, P. G. M., Decatur.
Music—Quartette.
Old Folks' Home—John W. Yantis, P. G. M., Shelbyville.
The Orphans' Home and its Management—Dr. J. A. Lucas, P. G. M., Lincoln.
Vocal Solo—"Illinois"—Mrs. Margaret E. Weldon, P. P., Cairo.
The Rebekahs—Mrs. Ella Watson Reeve, President of Assembly, Jacksonville.
Our Orphans—John J. Brown, P. G. M., Vandalia.
The Encampment—H. E. Makutchan, Grand Patriarch, Princeton.
Odd Fellowship—W. M. Groves, Grand Master, Petersburg.
Music—Quartette.

At 2:00 P. M. arrangements will be made to take all the Orphans' Home Children for a tour of the Lakes.
3:45 Athletic Events.
4:45 Return trip by Interurban Cars to Home at Lincoln.
For those who can not leave on trains or can not be with us earlier in the day, an early evening program as follows has been arranged:
5:00 to 6:30, Ball Game—Remembrance Lodge No. 77 vs. Bloomington Lodge No. 400.
6:30 Basket Supper.
7:00 p. m.—Concert—Ashton's Orchestra.

The entertainment of one hundred and fifty children is no small undertaking and I heartily congratulate the I. O. O. F. of Bloomington upon this demonstration of Odd Fellowship as it exists in that city. I bespeak for the committee having the picnic in charge a liberal patronage from all sections of the State and sincerely hope that this entertainment so generously provided by the I. O. O. F. of Blooming-

ton will be a success in every respect and that our brothers and sisters will avail themselves of the opportunity to lend their presence and assist in making the occasion a credit to Odd Fellowship and a day of pleasure and profit for our orphan children and all in attendance.

Fraternally yours,

Attest:

JNO. H. SIKES, Grand Secretary. W. M. GROVES, Grand Master.

Accident Insurance Societies, Etc.

Upon sending out the letter of the Grand Sire, relative to Odd Fellowship and other organizations, I received many inquiries from lodges, and members, as to the interpretation of the same; whereupon I wrote to the Grand Sire in regard to what, if any, effect his Proclamation would have upon Accident Insurance Societies, etc., doing business among the members of the Order, and received the following reply:

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. O. F.

Office of the Acting Grand Sire.

W. L. KUYKENDALL, Acting Grand Sire.

Saratoga, Wyoming, May 31, 1909

Mr. W. M. Groves, Grand Master, Petersburg, Illinois.

Dear Sir and Brother—Yours of May 27th at hand, and in answer thereto will say that my circular letter or Proclamation of April 12 last, had no reference whatever to the Loyal Protective Association, of Boston, Mass., if the same is simply an insurance organization; or to any other insurance organization, organized solely as such.

It seems that some of our members are not satisfied with our Subordinate Lodge, Encampment, Rebekah and Patriarch Militant branches of the Order. Which it seems to me are amply sufficient for all purposes, and for the best interests and welfare of our great Fraternity, and have and are attempting to organize another women's society, also two separate Shriner attachments among the Subordinate Lodge membership—each organization claiming to be independent of and in no manner obedient to the Sovereign Grand Lodge or our Laws. They are the organizations which called forth said proclamation.

Hoping that the above explanation will be satisfactory, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

W. L. KUYKENDALL,

Acting Grand Sire.

In addition to the foregoing I received a question of similar import. The question and my answer to the same are as follows:

Question: Is there any law to prohibit members of the Order from acting as agents for The Ridgely Protective Association, or other insurance organizations which confine their membership to Odd Fellows, provided such organizations do not use the three links or other symbols of the Order?

Answer: No. By reference to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Journal of 1905 on pages 75 and 76 this question was considered by the Grand Sire. The question and his answer were as follows: Question 2. "Is it contrary to law for members of the Order to solicit business for The Ridgely Protective Association, such Association limiting its business to Odd Fellows, but not using the name or emblems of the Order in any way in the transaction of its business?" Answer: "No; but all solicitation of life insurance in the lodge while it is in session is improper." This decision being approved by the Sovereign Grand Lodge corrects the error made in Busbee's Digest in digesting the decision made in 1902.

ODD FELLOWS' LEAGUE AND RELIEF BOARD.

Pursuant to the action of the Grand Lodge at last year's session, the organization of the new Relief Association in Chicago was perfected, and the two former organizations, known as the Odd Fellows' League, and the Cook County Odd Fellows' Relief Board, closed up their affairs and retired from business, giving their support to the new organization, known as the Odd Fellows' League and Relief Board, which I am happy to report, is in a most flourishing condition. At the beginning of my administration, I appointed Brother H. M. Blood as my Special Deputy, to represent the Grand Lodge in the management of this organization, which he has done most acceptably. After this new organization had been fully established, and by request of the Board of Trustees, I sent out an appeal to the Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges of Cook County, as printed on another page of this report. On October the 9th, I received the following letter from Brother Blood, which indicates that the long desired condition now obtains among the lodges of Cook County and this new organization.

Chicago, Ill., October 8, 1909.

Hon. W. M. Groves, Grand Master, Petersburg, Ill.

Dear Sir and Brother—As your Deputy for the Illinois Odd Fellows' League and Relief Board, I am pleased to be able to say to you that things seem to be looking fine, the lodges contributing

regularly, and at the same time giving the organization the moral support which is necessary for its final success.

The general manager, Bro. W. E. Gaskill, who is employed by the League, is doing good work, and especially noticeable is the fact that he is able to find employment for all who apply—in fact the month of September showed twenty or more applications for help than he was able to fill. If this kind of work is kept up it will mean a substantial reduction of the distress cases during the coming winter. He is also taking good care of the emergency that comes up daily.

Fraternally yours,

H. M. BLOOD.

DECISIONS.

The usual amount of correspondence with reference to interpretation or construction of our laws has transpired during the year. Most of the questions submitted have been answered by merely referring to our Code of 1906. There have been no new principles promulgated in thus applying the law, and I have, therefore, no new decisions to report to you at this time.

SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

In Past Grand Master Owen Scott's report last year, he recommended that some plans should be devised whereby the lodges might be better prepared to put on the ritualistic work of the Order in conferring the degrees. Acting upon this recommendation, the Grand Lodge instructed me to appoint a committee of three members, to submit a plan for conducting such schools, and I, accordingly, appointed on this committee Brothers Deputy Grand Master E. R. Sayler, Chief Instructor Henry A. Stone, P. G. M. and T. H. Thompson, who, after due deliberation and consideration, submitted the following report:

Springfield, Illinois, June 3, 1909.

W. M. Groves, Grand Master, Petersburg, Illinois:

Dear Brother Groves—We, your special committee appointed by the direction of the Grand Lodge at the session of 1908, for the purpose of considering that portion in Past Grand Master Owen Scott's annual report, "We need schools," and to further consider the subject, formulate a plan and draft such legislation as we may find necessary to accomplish this purpose, all to be submitted at the coming session of the Grand Lodge of 1909, for their approval, beg leave to report as follows: